Transfer of Quarters to General Pool

554. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG:

SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 438 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Quarter Nos. 17,482 in Sector 3, Q. No. 1102 in Sector VII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi, Quarter No. 333-E, Kidwai Nagar, H-285, Kali Bari Marg and Q. No. 615, D-Sector, Mandir Marg belonging to the Police, Defence and CGHS and other Departments Pool have been transferred to General Pool;

(b) if so, under what rules these quarters have been transferred to General Pool;

(c) whether in lieu of these quarters those Departments having their own Pool have been compensated; and

(d) if so, on what basis the same yardstick is not applied in case of other Departments having separate pools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Quarters No. 17 and 482 in Sector 3 R. K. Puram and No. E-333 Kidwai Nagar are still at the disposal of Police, CGHS & Defence respectively and have not been transferred to the General Pool. Quarter No. 1102 Sector VII, R.K. Puram was converted into General Pool quarter in 1977. Quarter No. H-285, Kali Bari Marg, has been in the General Pool from 1979. Quarter No. 615 Sector 'D' Mandir Marg which was under Lok Sabha Pool previously has been transferred to General Pool in lieu of quarter No. 1658, Laxmibai Nagar transferred from General Pool to Lok Sabha Pool.

(b) There are no specific rules for inter-pool exchange of quarters. The exchange is resorted to on merits of each case.

(c) whenever a quarter belonging to another Department's Pool is taken over in General Pool, that Department is compensated.

(d) Same yardstick is applied in the case of other Departmental Pools as well.

FAO Code on Pesticides

†555. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the FAO code on pesticides;

(b) whether the provisions of the code are being observed while formulating various policies on pesticides; and

(c) whether any inter-departmental meetings have been organised to discuss the various issues on this important subject and if so, what are the details thereof indicating decision made and implemented and if not, what remedial actions are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While formulating policies in relation to pesticides, the provisions of the FAO Code are generally kept in view and, where necessary, inter-ministerial consultations are held.

Support Prices for Coconut, Onion and Potato

556. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering support prices for coconut, onion and potatoes; if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

†Previously unstarred Question 27 transferred from the 24th April, 1989.

(b) whether Government are aware that the prices of these items have crashed and if so, whether NAFED propose to intervene to save farmers from distress sale of their produce; and

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has appealed to the Central Government for enhancing export quota of onions over and above the quota already allocated to GAIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Government is considering fixation of minimum support price for copra. There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to fix minimum support price for onion and potatoes.

(b) During the year 1988-89, on account of substantial increase in production, the wholesale prices of coconut, onion and potatoes have come down from the high levels that prevailed in 1987-88. With a view to arrest the further fall in prices and save the farmers from distress sale, NAFED is making purchase of potatoes in U.P. and that of onions in Maharashtra.

(c) No, Sir.

Production of Oilseeds

557. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the oilseeds production during 1988-89;

(b) how does it compare with the projections; and

(c) the reasons for variation, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) According to present assessments, the likely production of total oilseeds in the country during 1988-89 is expected to be around 16 million tonnes as against the target of 15.65 million tonnes.

(c) Higher production of oilseeds during 1988-89 has been possible on account of increase in area and productivity as a result of better management of input supply and adoption of improved technology by farmers under National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP), and overall excellent monsoon.

Funds Released and spent under NREP & RLEGP in Rajasthan

558. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released and spent under the NREP and RLEGP for the State of Rajasthan during the last three financial years;

(b) the rates of wages fixed and paid to the workers engaged under both the programmes during the same period; and

(c) the number of families covered under both these schemes during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The position of resources released and utilised in Rajasthan under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) during the last 3 years is as under:—